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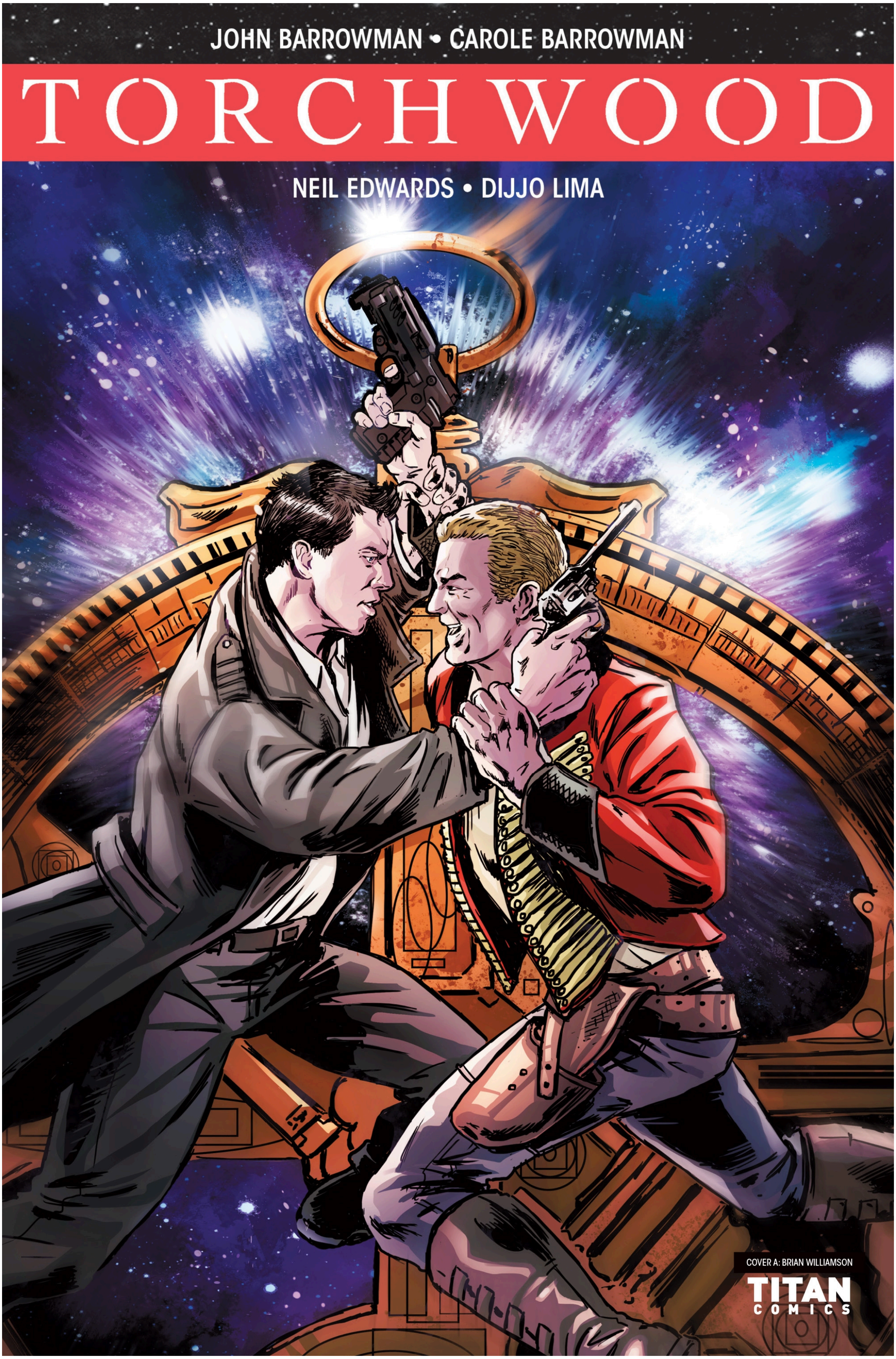
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During the cleanup operation in the explosive aftermath of the Navigator/ Vervoid plot to take over the world, Jack and Gwen received some unexpected news from their least favorite hologram... Captain John Hart! He has discovered the aliens' true plan, which he's willing to share – for a price, of course. Meanwhile, a creature bearing an uncanny resemblance to the Torchwood duo and in possession of terrifying powers, has emerged at Station Zero. Could she really be their clone child as Captain John suggests?

CAST OF CHARACTERS

New to this story and want to know who's who? Let us fill you in on the main players among Torchwood's agents and their enemies...

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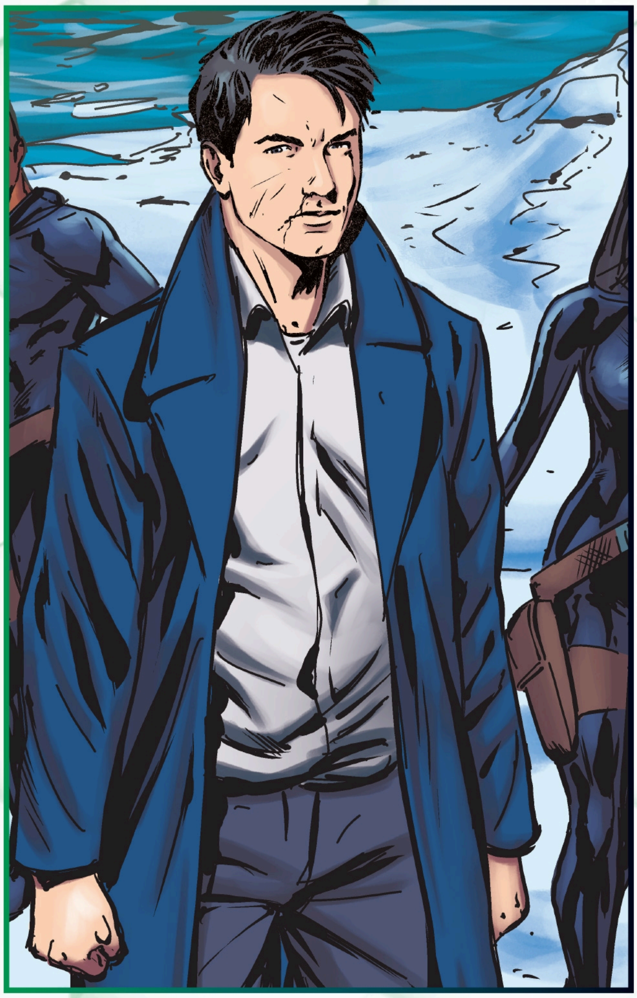
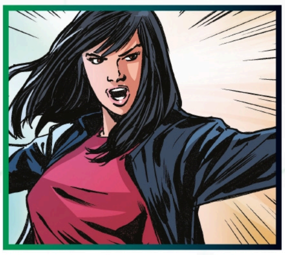


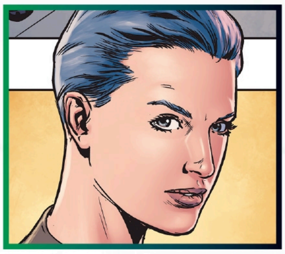
CAPTAIN JACK HARKNESS

Immortal former Time Agent from the 51st Century, and ex-companion of the Doctor. More recently the long-time head of Torchwood Cardiff.



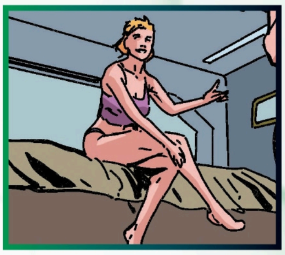
GWEN COOPER

Acting head of Torchwood Cardiff, and former police officer. Married to Rhys Williams, and the mother of Anwen. Drawn back into the world of Torchwood after the attack in the Skagerrak Strait.



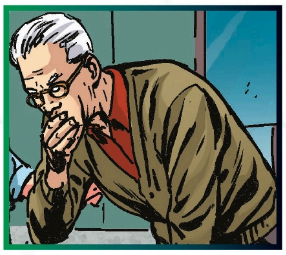
SHELLEY

The *Ice Maiden*'s A.I avatar, with a personality based on that of the 19th-Century author Mary Shelley. She keeps the Ice Maiden running, but can be difficult to manage... She is an invaluable asset, even when the Torchwood crew are away from the ship.



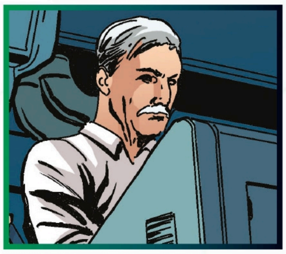
DANA MACLEISH

The *Ice Maiden*'s captain, and all-round mystery woman. Bearer of a mysterious tattoo on her back. She, along with her ship and crew, are currently away on a mission to help in the planet's recovery.



SIR JAMES STERLING III

Torchwood aide, survived an assassination attempt by Captain John Hart. Cryptology expert.



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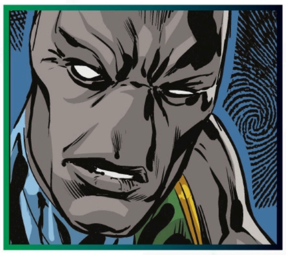
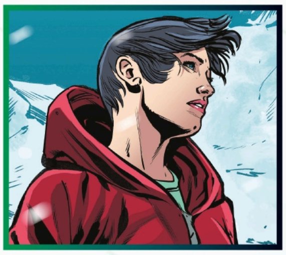
Sir James' loyal manservant and invaluable assistant to Torchwood operations.



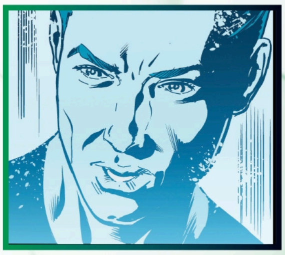
DOCILIS

Former Time Agent, Docilis was revealed to be the perpetrator of the Navigators' plans to harvest Earth and form a new species. Claims to want to help Sladen.



SLADEN

Sladen was born amidst the destruction of Station Zero, and bears an uncanny resemblance to both Jack and Gwen... but who, or what, is she? And what powers does she have?



CAPTAIN JOHN HART

Former Time Agent from the 51st Century turned intergalactic rogue. Ex-lover and Time Agent partner of Captain Jack Harkness. Forever a thorn in Jack's side, his appearances usually bring trouble.

This volume takes place after the *Torchwood* novel 'The Exodus Code' and volume two of the comic series, 'Station Zero.'

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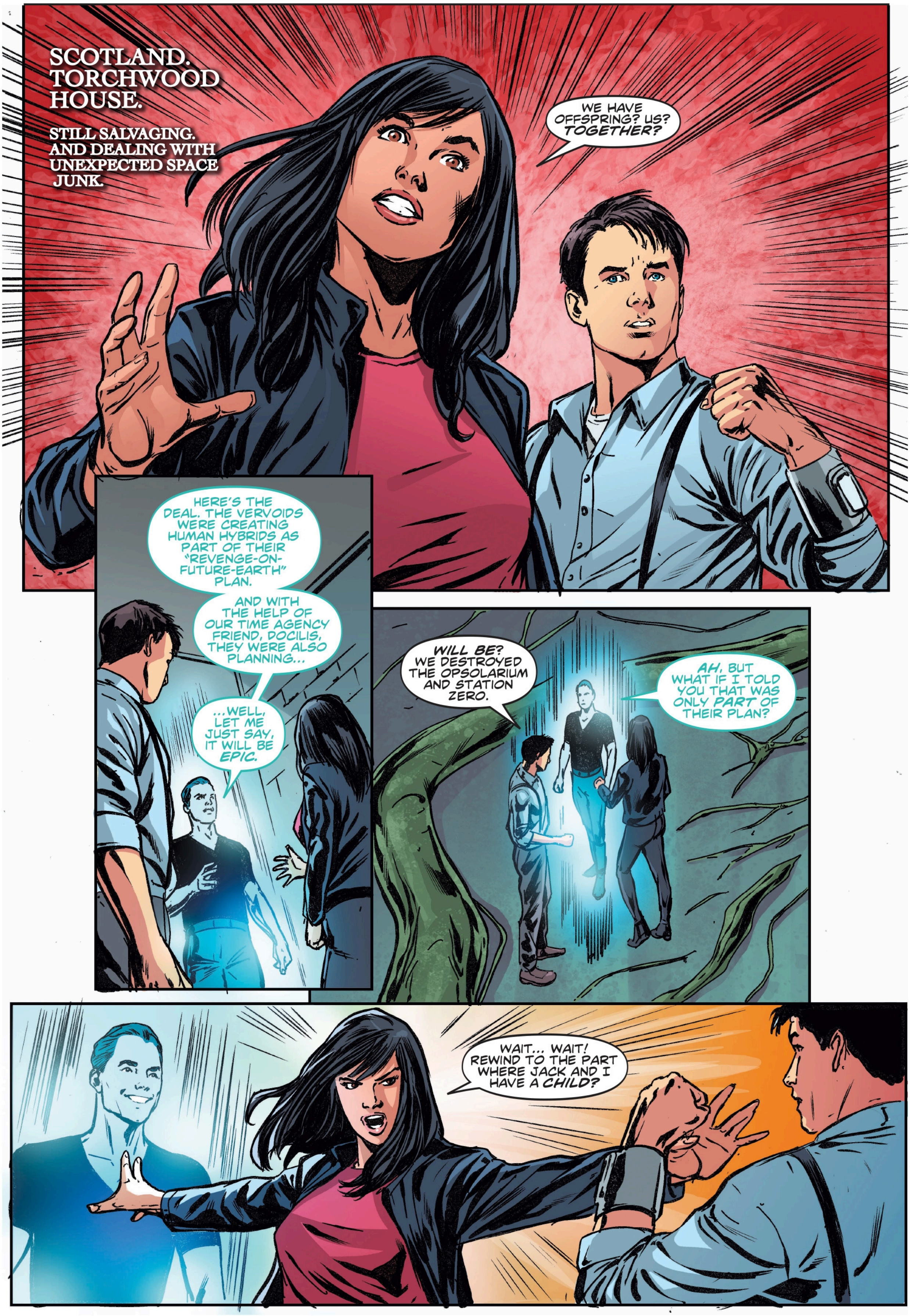
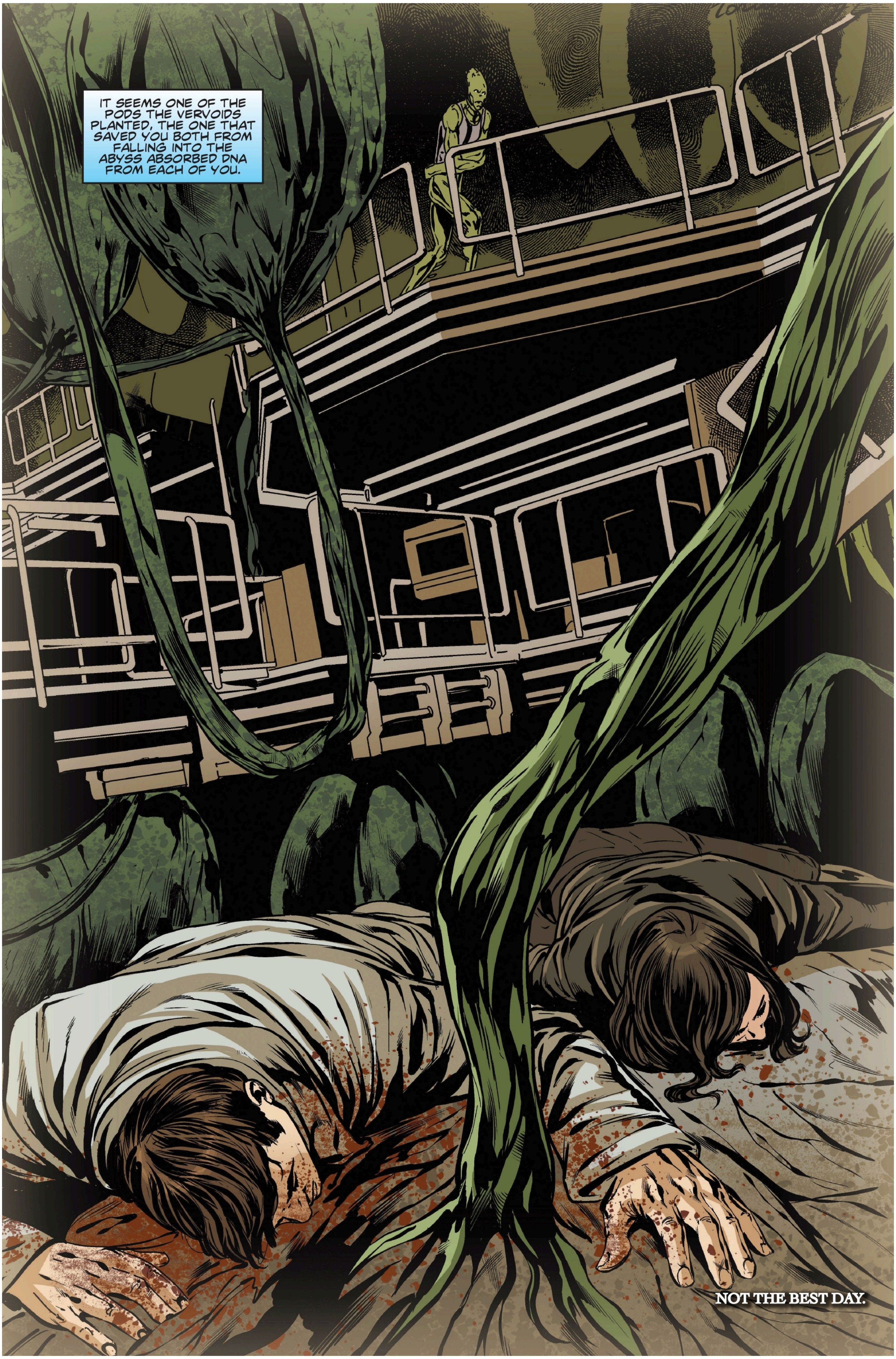
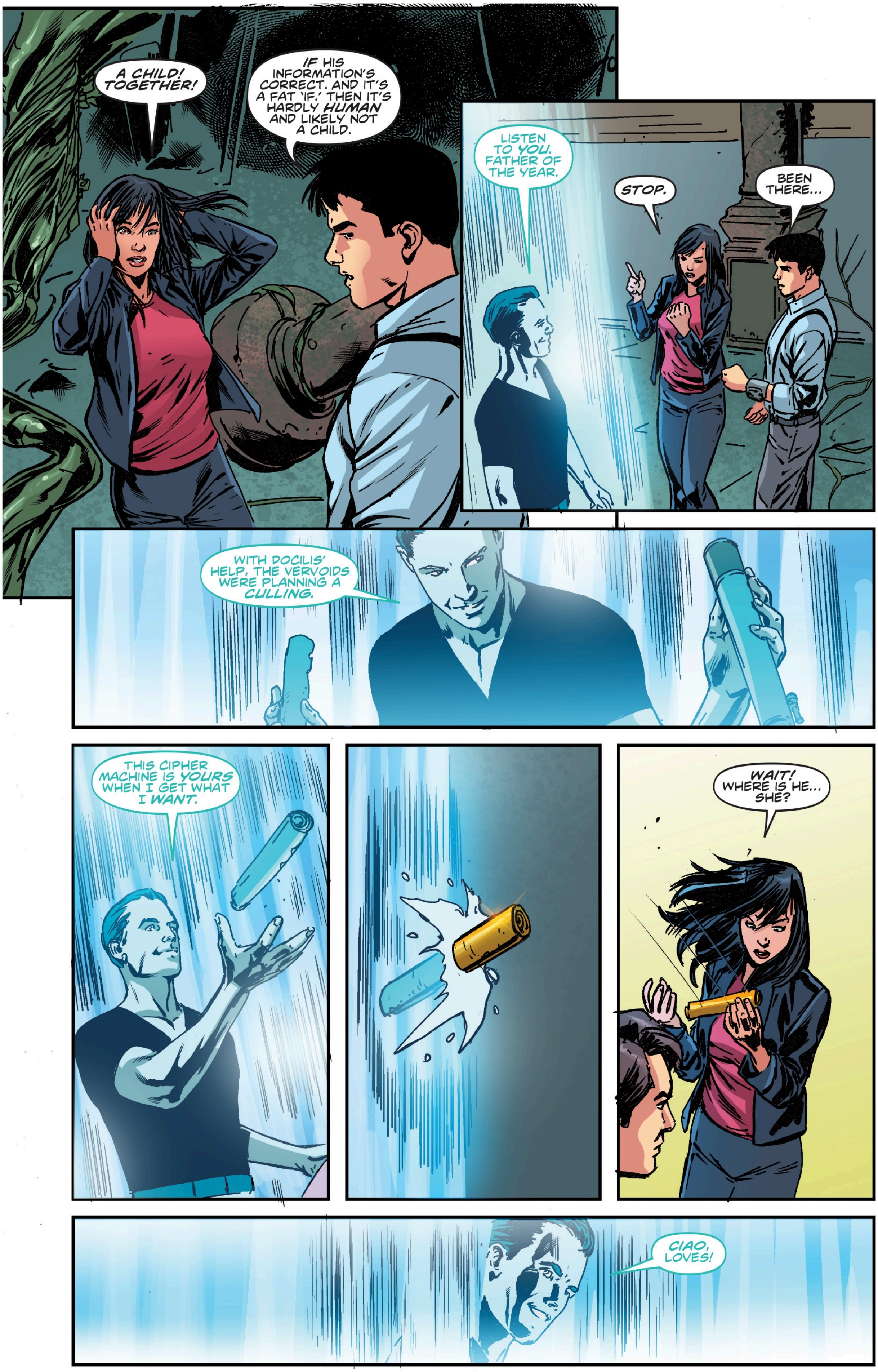
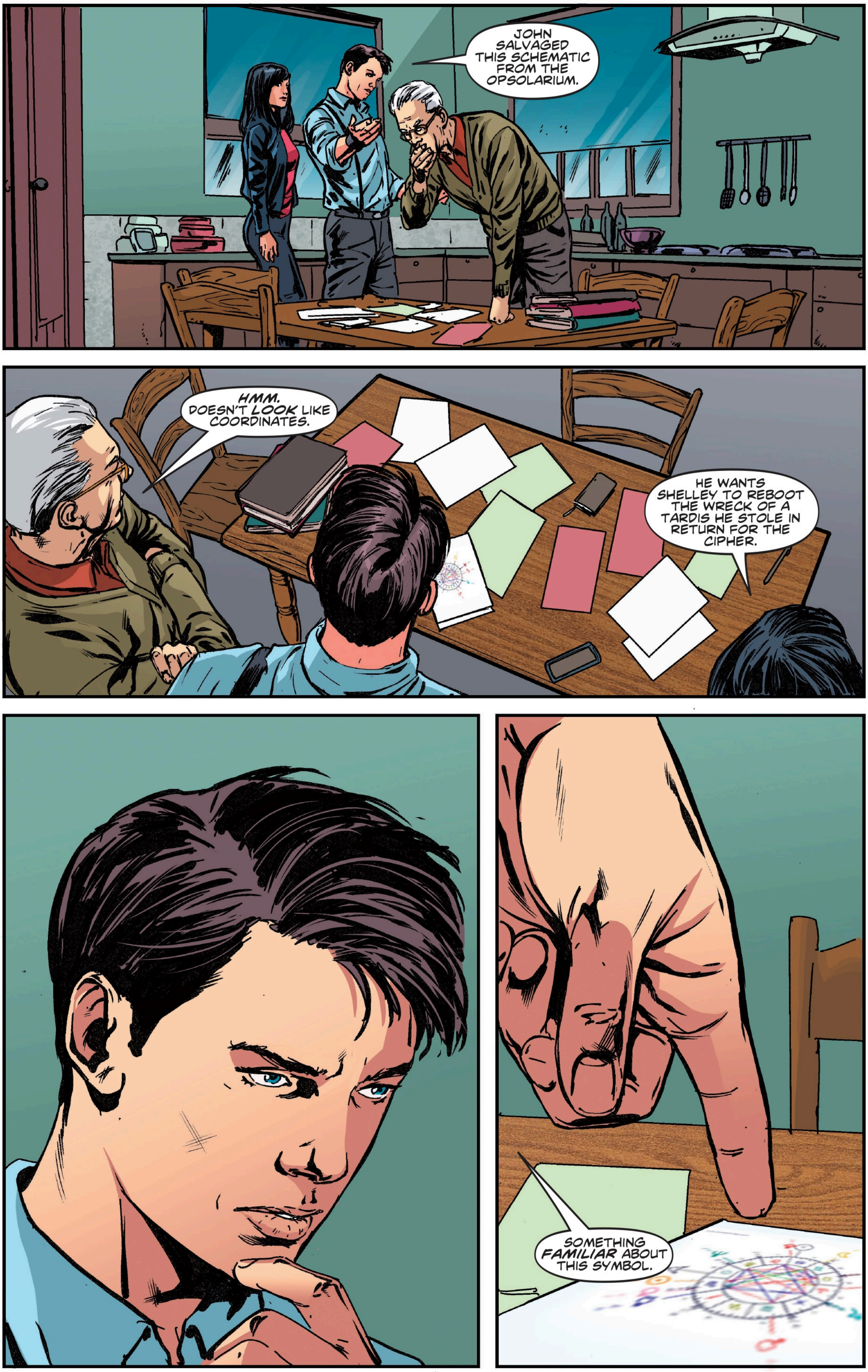
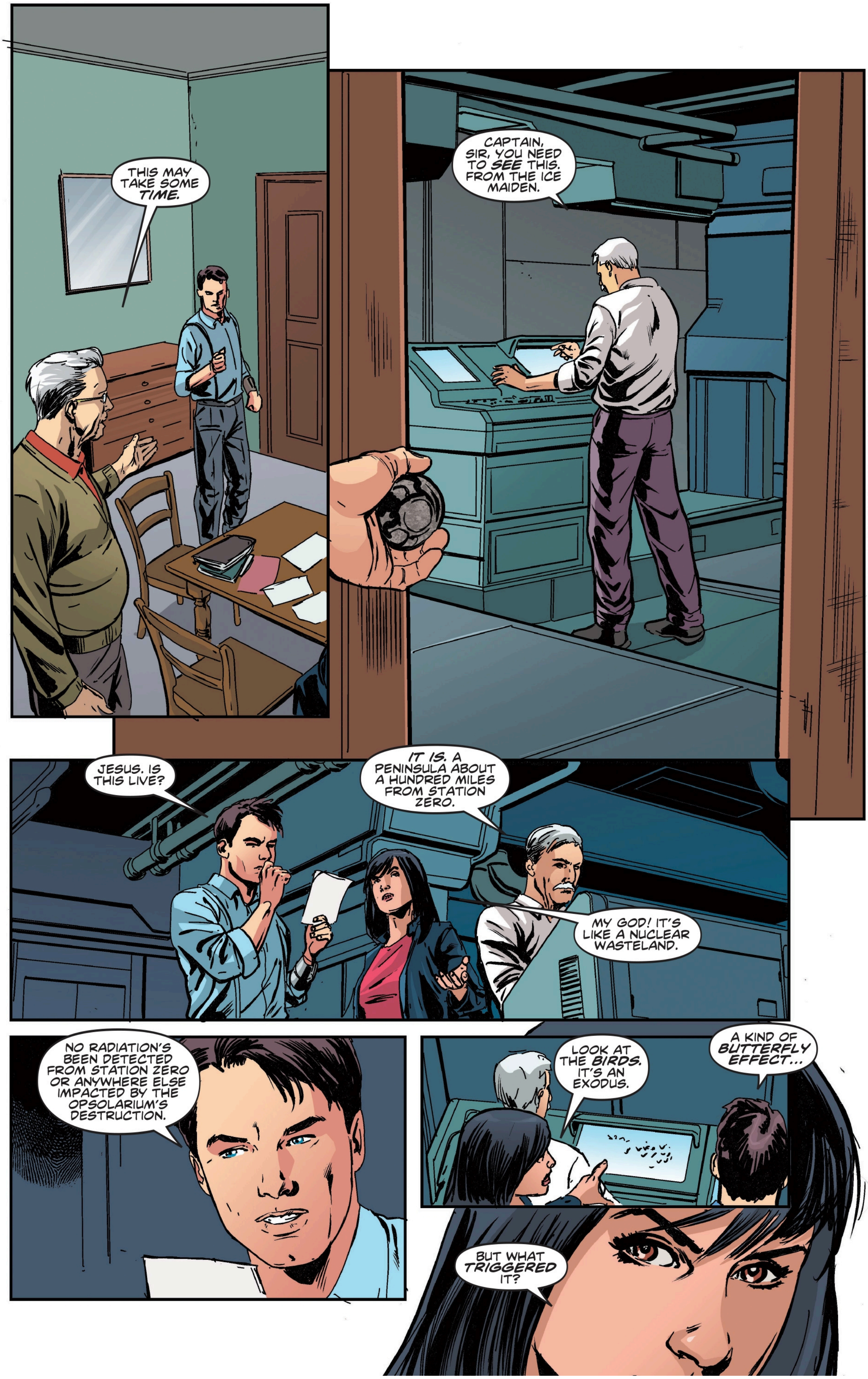
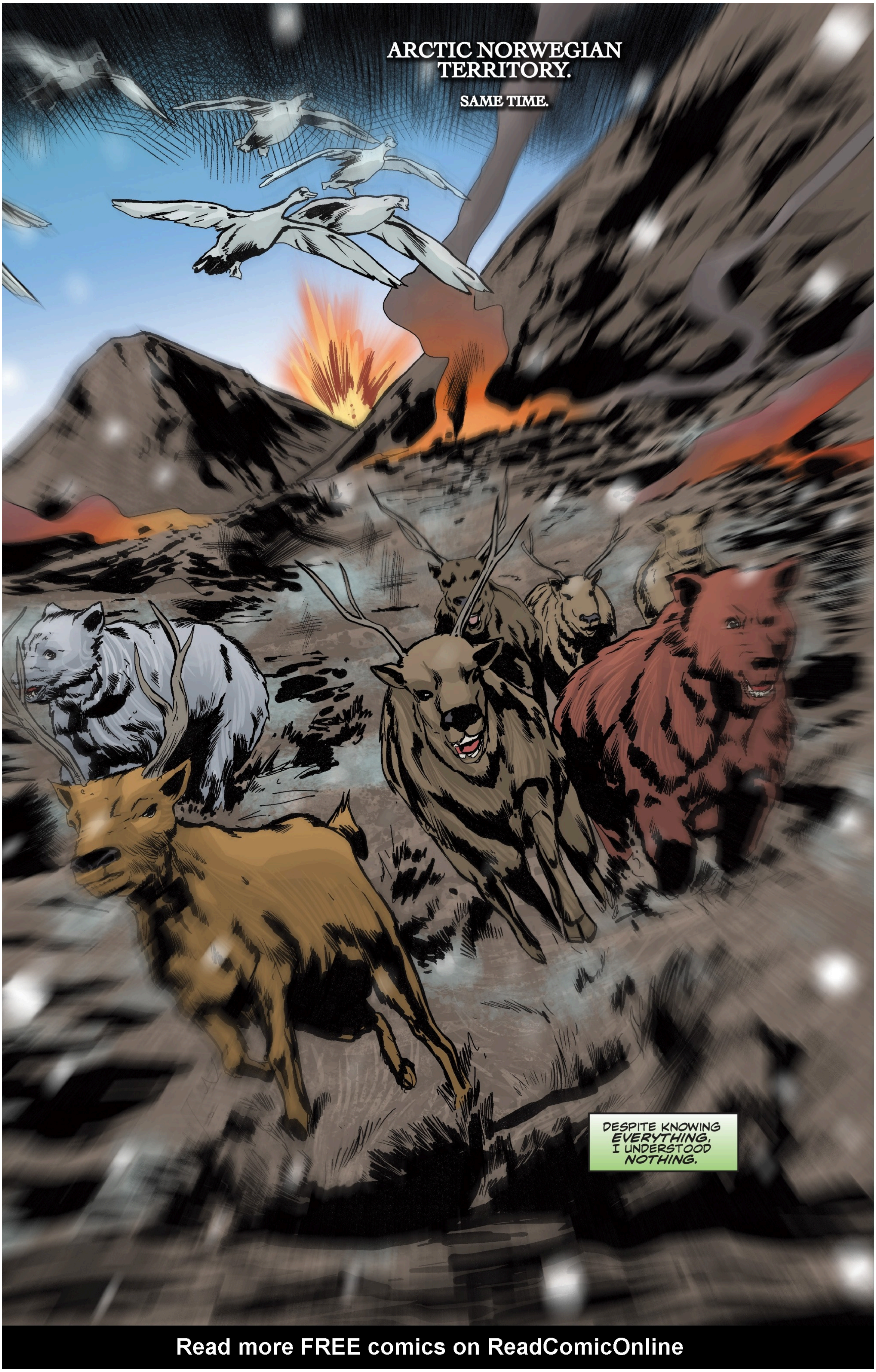

SCOTLAND. TORCHWOOD HOUSE.
STILL SALVAGING. AND DEALING WITH UNEXPECTED SPACE JUNK.
WE HAVE OFFSPRING? US? TOGETHER?
HERE'S THE DEAL. THE VERVOIDS WERE CREATING HUMAN HYBRIDS AS PART OF THEIR "REVENGE-ON-FUTURE-EARTH" PLAN.
AND WITH THE HELP OF OUR TIME AGENCY FRIEND, DOCILIS, THEY WERE ALSO PLANNING...
...WELL, LET ME JUST SAY, IT WILL BE EPIC.
WILL BE? WE DESTROYED THE OPSOLARIUM AND STATION ZERO.
AH, BUT WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT WAS ONLY PART OF THEIR PLAN?
WAIT... WAIT! REWIND TO THE PART WHERE JACK AND I HAVE A CHILD?


IT SEEMS ONE OF THE PODS THE VERVOIDS PLANTED, THE ONE THAT SAVED YOU BOTH FROM FALLING INTO THE ABYSS ABSORBED DNA FROM EACH OF YOU.
NOT THE BEST DAY.


A CHILD! TOGETHER!
IF HIS INFORMATION'S CORRECT. AND IT'S A FAT 'IF.' THEN IT'S HARDLY HUMAN AND LIKELY NOT A CHILD.
LISTEN TO YOU. FATHER OF THE YEAR.
STOP.
BEEN THERE...
WITH DOCILIS' HELP, THE VERVOIDS WERE PLANNING A CULLING.
THIS CIPHER MACHINE IS YOURS WHEN I GET WHAT I WANT.
WAIT! WHERE IS HE... SHE?
CIAO, LOVES!


JOHN SALVAGED THIS SCHEMATIC FROM THE OPSOLARIUM.
HMM. DOESN'T ***LOOK*** LIKE COORDINATES.
HE WANTS SHELLEY TO REBOOT THE WRECK OF A TARDIS HE STOLE IN RETURN FOR THE CIPHER.
SOMETHING ***FAMILIAR*** ABOUT THIS SYMBOL.


THIS MAY TAKE SOME *TIME.*
CAPTAIN, SIR, YOU NEED TO *SEE* THIS. FROM THE ICE MAIDEN.
JESUS. IS THIS LIVE?
IT IS. A PENINSULA ABOUT A HUNDRED MILES FROM STATION ZERO.
MY GOD! IT'S LIKE A NUCLEAR WASTELAND.
NO RADIATION'S BEEN DETECTED FROM STATION ZERO OR ANYWHERE ELSE IMPACTED BY THE OPSOLARIUM'S DESTRUCTION.
LOOK AT THE *BIRDS.* IT'S AN EXODUS.
A KIND OF *BUTTERFLY EFFECT...*
BUT WHAT *TRIGGERED* IT?


ARCTIC NORWEGIAN TERRITORY.
SAME TIME.
DESPITE KNOWING *EVERYTHING*, I UNDERSTOOD *NOTHING*.

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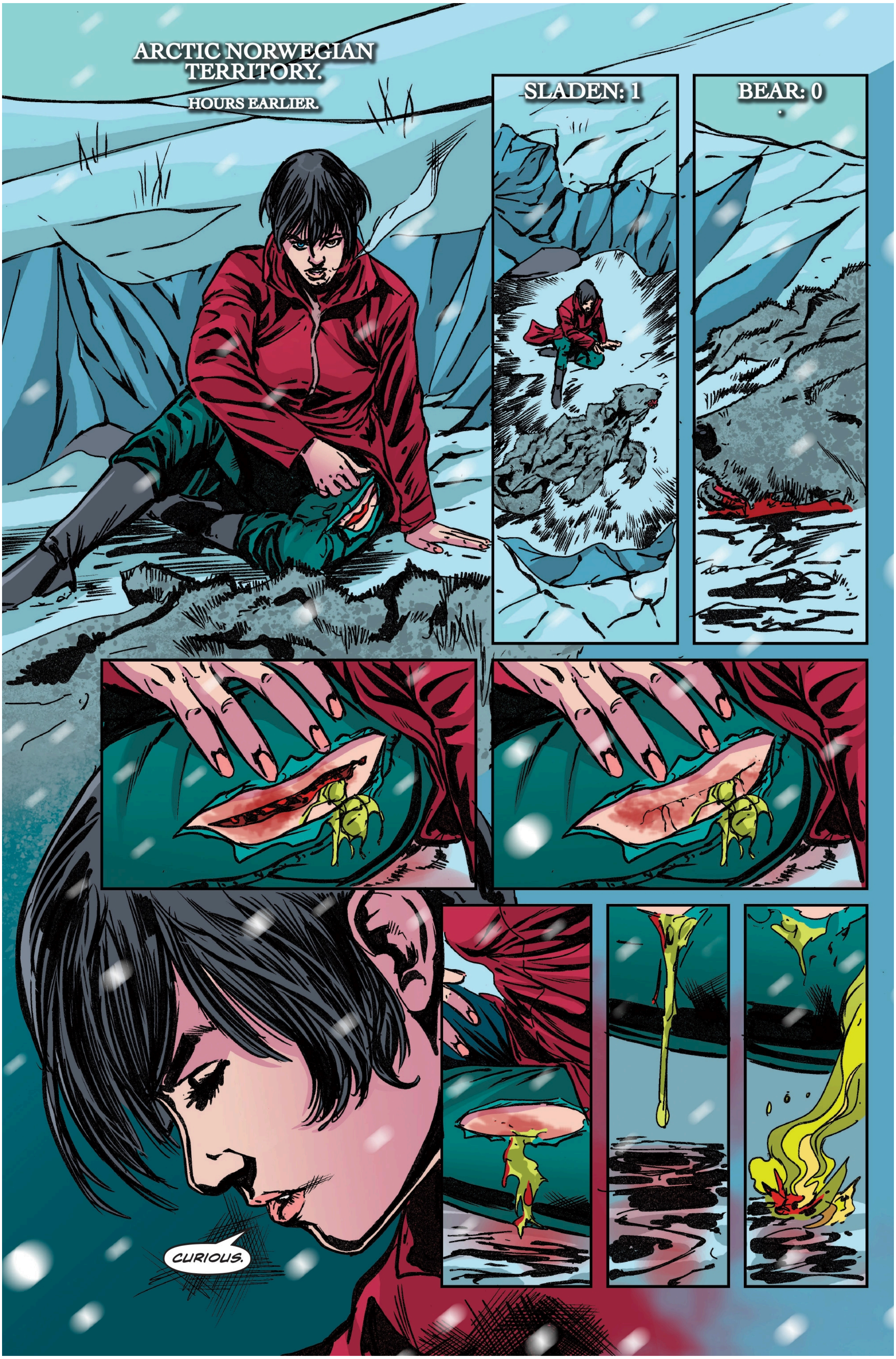
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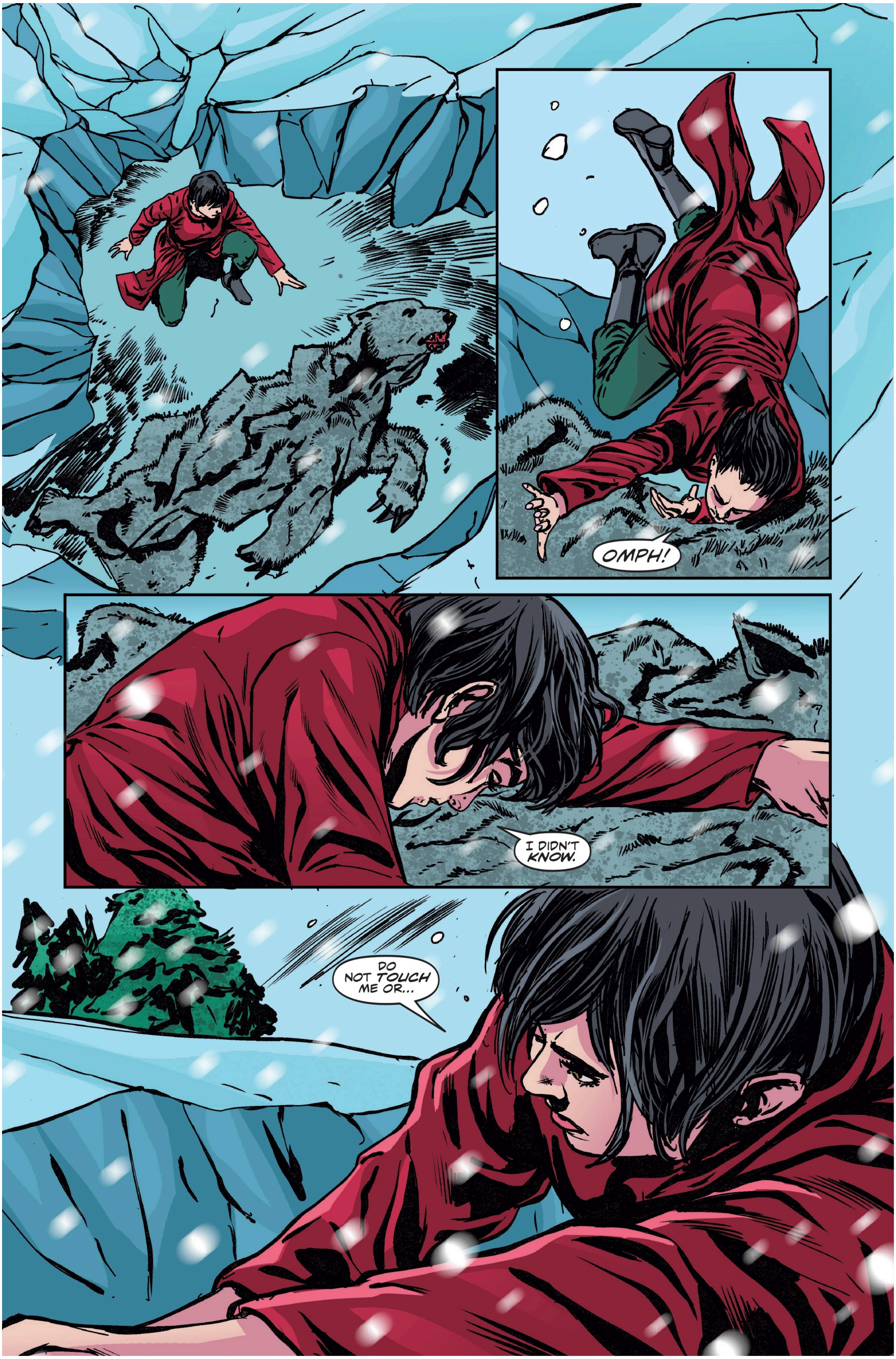
HOURS EARLIER.
SLADEN: 1
BEAR: 0
CURIOUS.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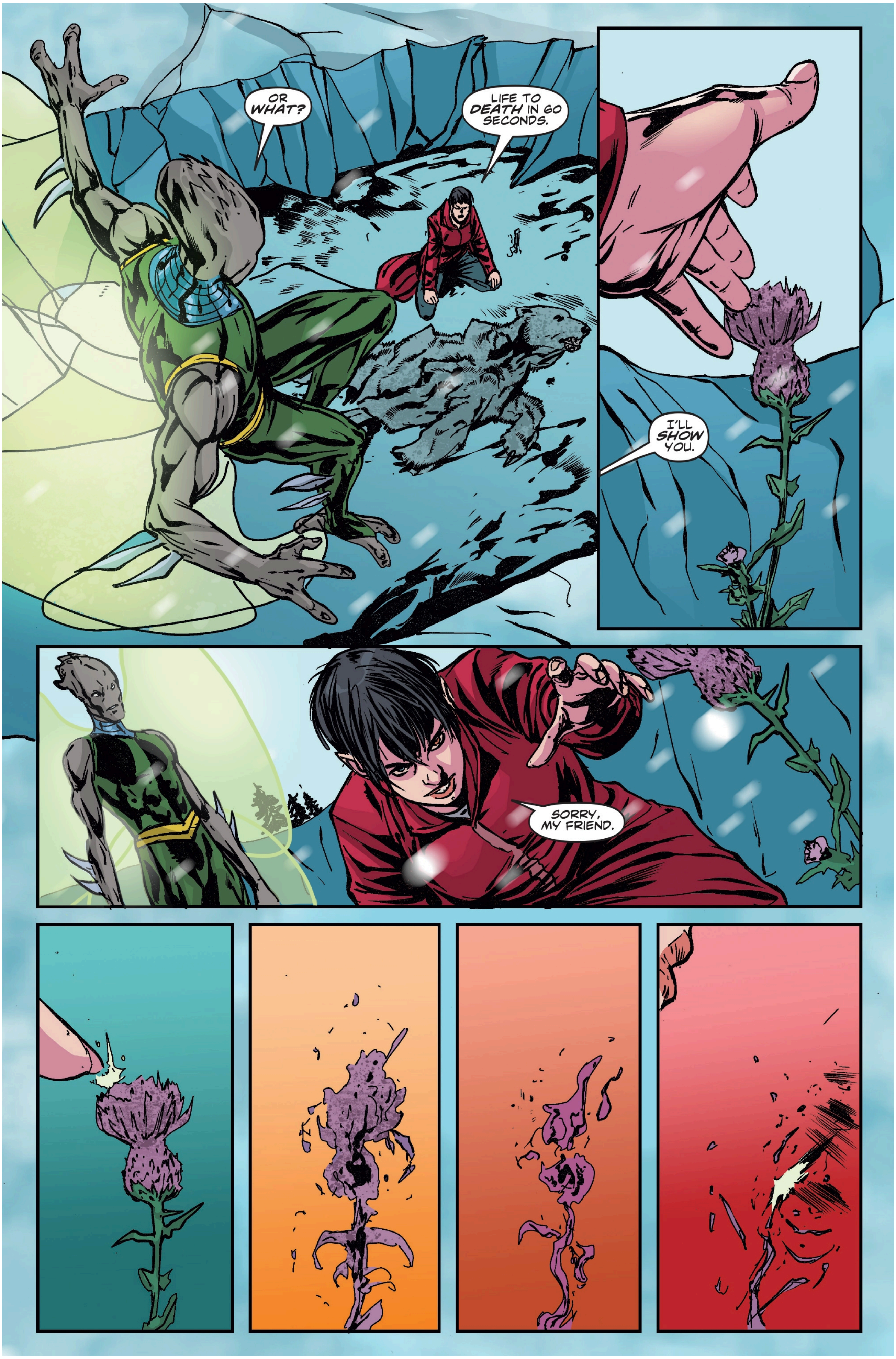
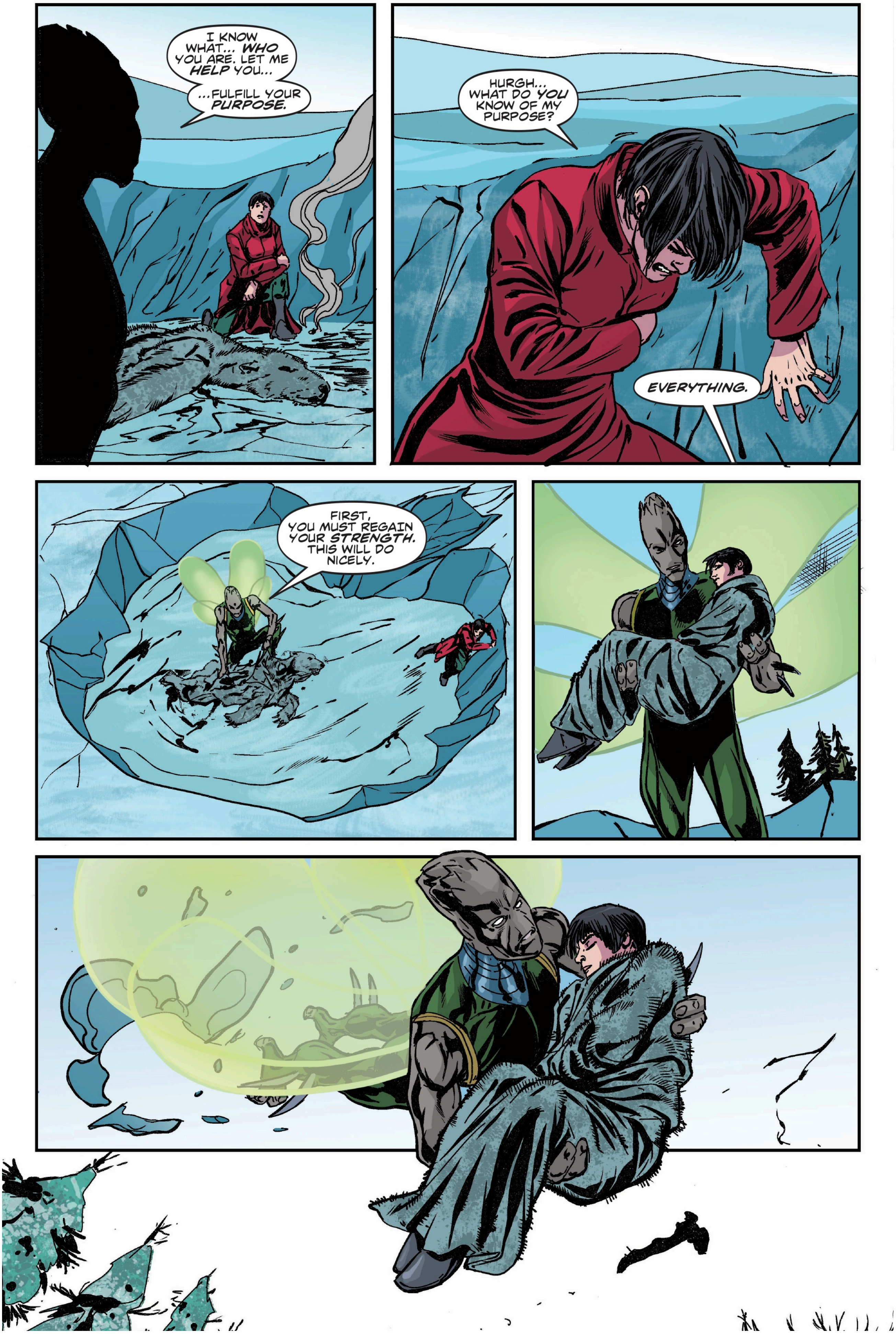
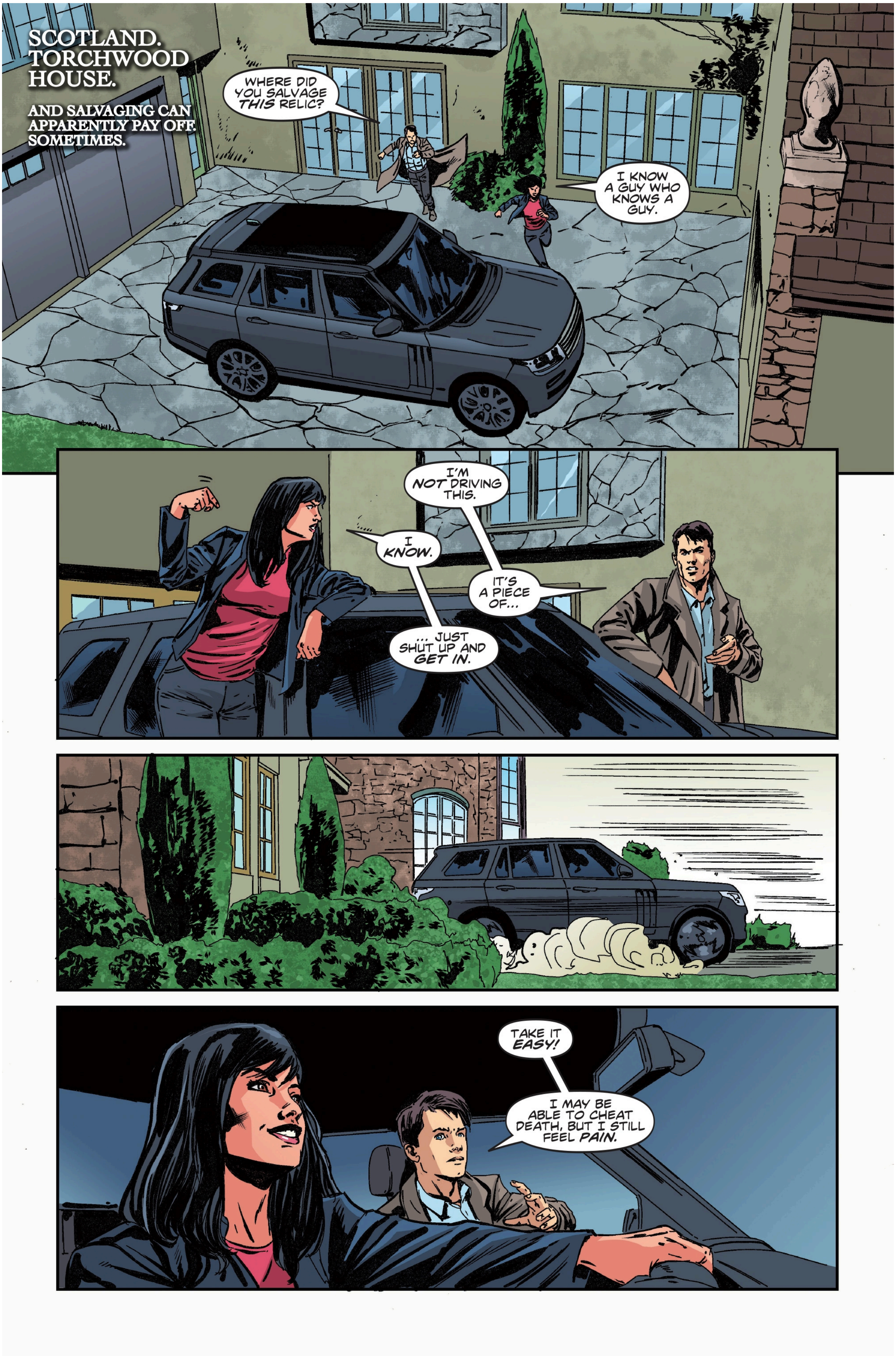
I DIDN'T KNOW.
DO NOT TOUCH ME OR...


OR *WHAT?*
LIFE TO *DEATH* IN 60 SECONDS.
I'LL *SHOW* YOU.
SORRY, MY FRIEND.


I KNOW WHAT... *WHO* YOU ARE. LET ME *HELP* YOU...
...FULFILL YOUR *PURPOSE.*
HURGH... WHAT DO *YOU* KNOW OF MY PURPOSE?
EVERYTHING.
FIRST, YOU MUST REGAIN YOUR *STRENGTH.* THIS WILL DO NICELY.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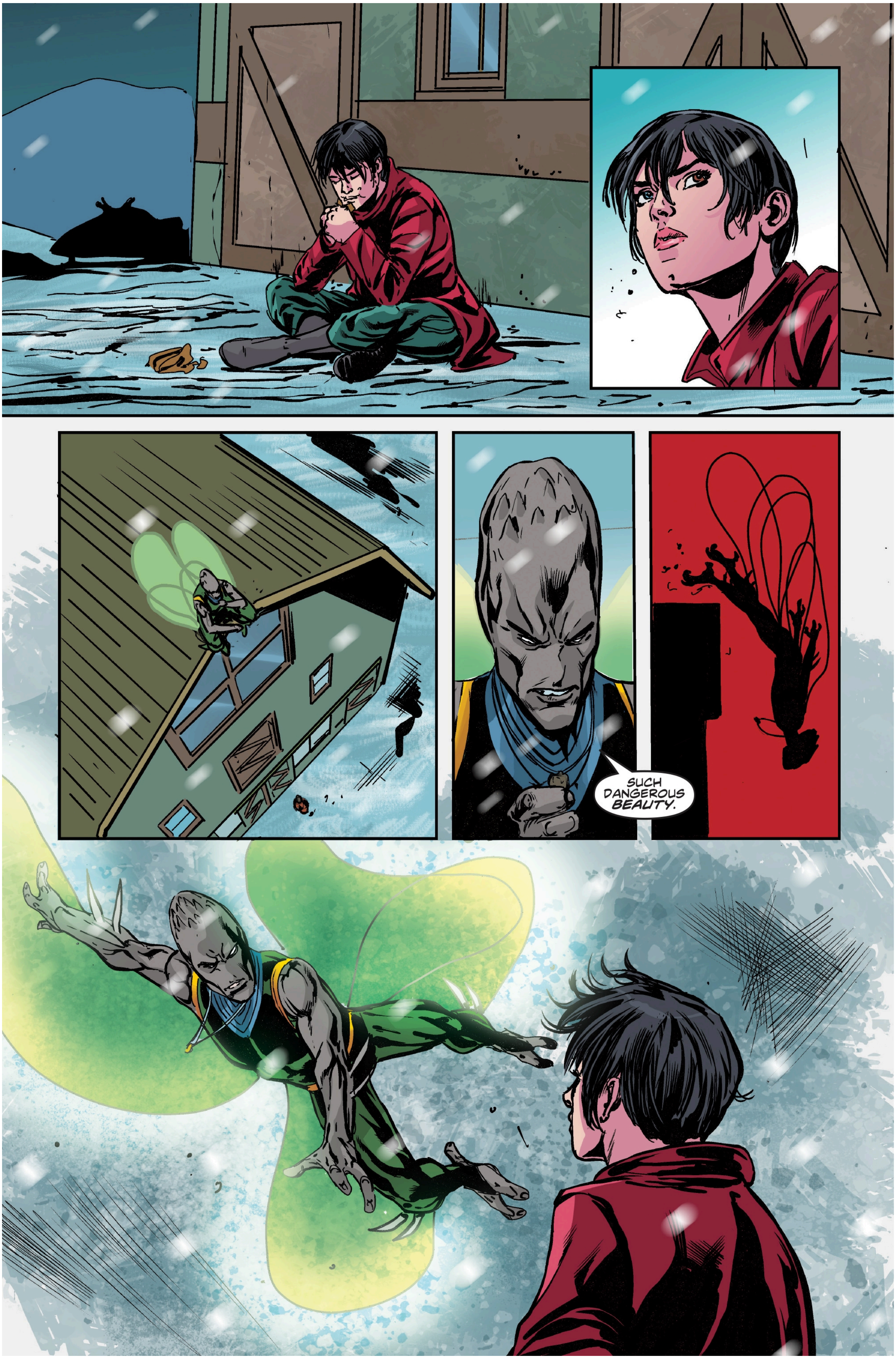
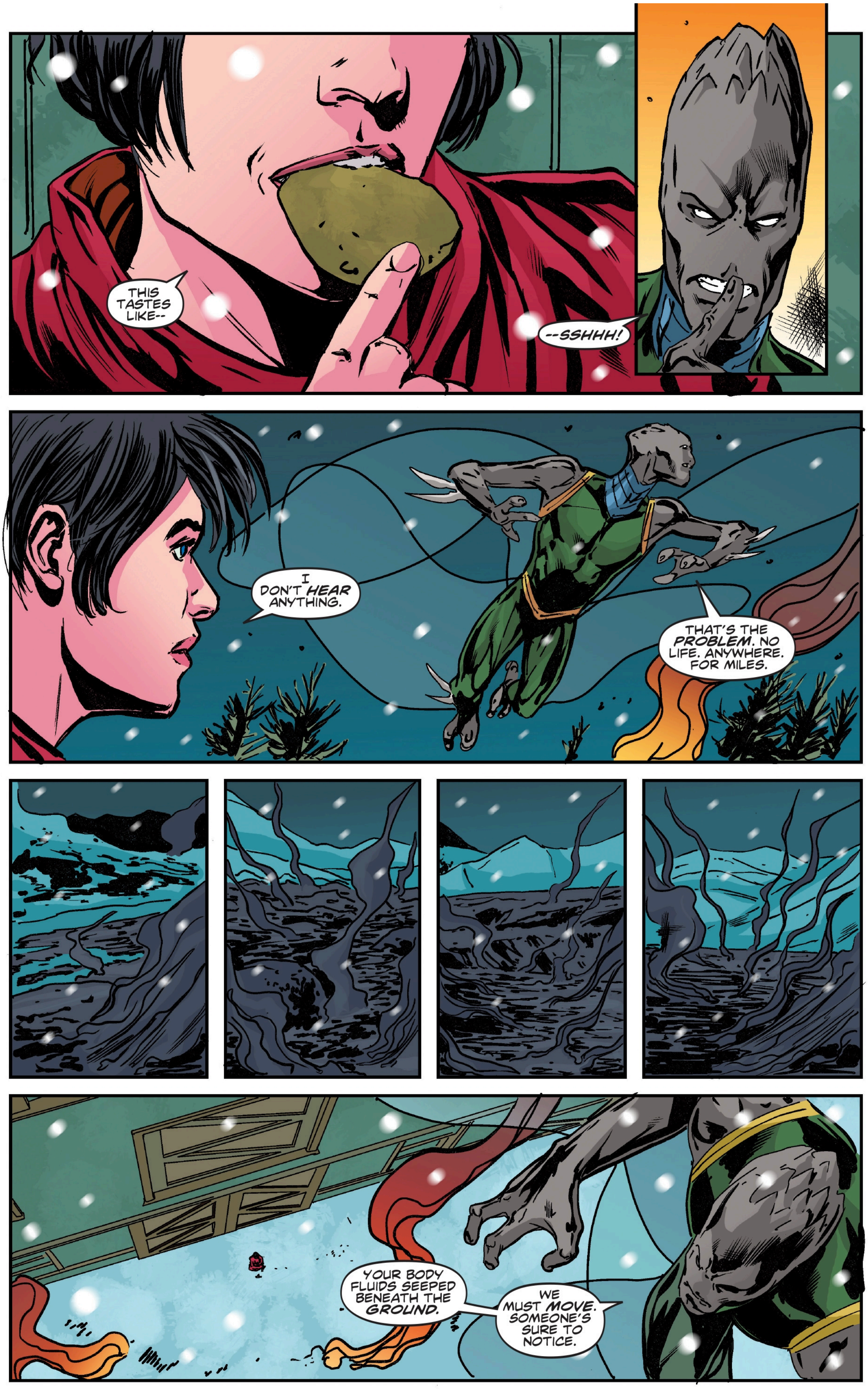
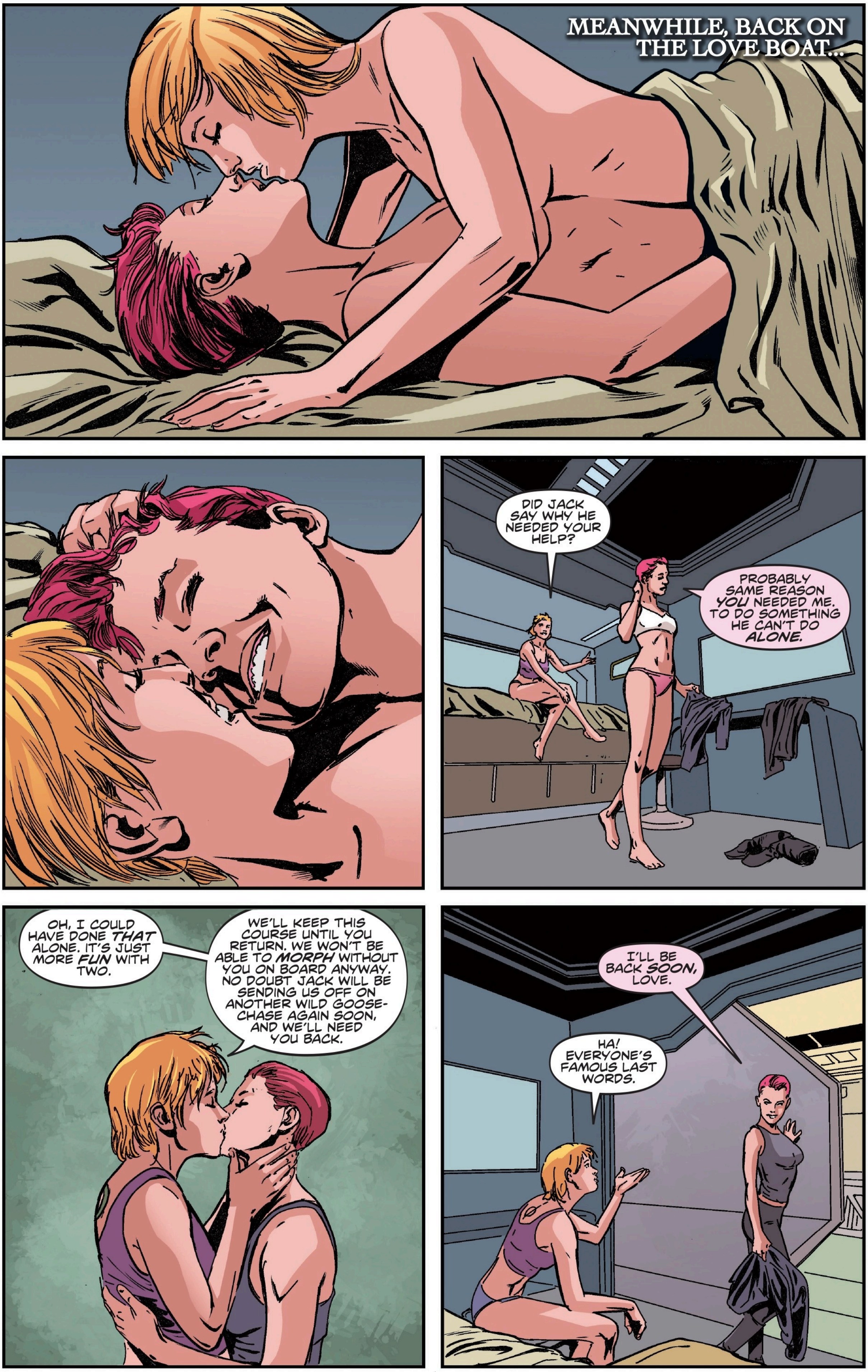
AND SALVAGING CAN APPARENTLY PAY OFF SOMETIMES.
WHERE DID YOU SALVAGE THIS RELIC?
I KNOW A GUY WHO KNOWS A GUY.
I'M NOT DRIVING THIS.
IT'S A PIECE OF...
I KNOW.
... JUST SHUT UP AND GET IN.
TAKE IT EASY!
I MAY BE ABLE TO CHEAT DEATH, BUT I STILL FEEL PAIN.


SUCH DANGEROUS BEAUTY.


THIS TASTES LIKE--
--SSHHH!
I DON'T *HEAR* ANYTHING.
THAT'S THE *PROBLEM*. NO LIFE. ANYWHERE. FOR MILES.
YOUR BODY FLUIDS SEEPED BENEATH THE *GROUND*.
WE MUST *MOVE*. SOMEONE'S SURE TO NOTICE.


MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE LOVE BOAT...
DID JACK SAY WHY HE NEEDED YOUR HELP?
PROBABLY SAME REASON YOU NEEDED ME. TO DO SOMETHING HE CAN'T DO ALONE.
OH, I COULD HAVE DONE THAT ALONE. IT'S JUST MORE FUN WITH TWO.
WE'LL KEEP THIS COURSE UNTIL YOU RETURN. WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MORPH WITHOUT YOU ON BOARD ANYWAY. NO DOUBT JACK WILL BE SENDING US OFF ON ANOTHER WILD GOOSE-CHASE AGAIN SOON, AND WE'LL NEED YOU BACK.
I'LL BE BACK SOON, LOVE.
HA! EVERYONE'S FAMOUS LAST WORDS.

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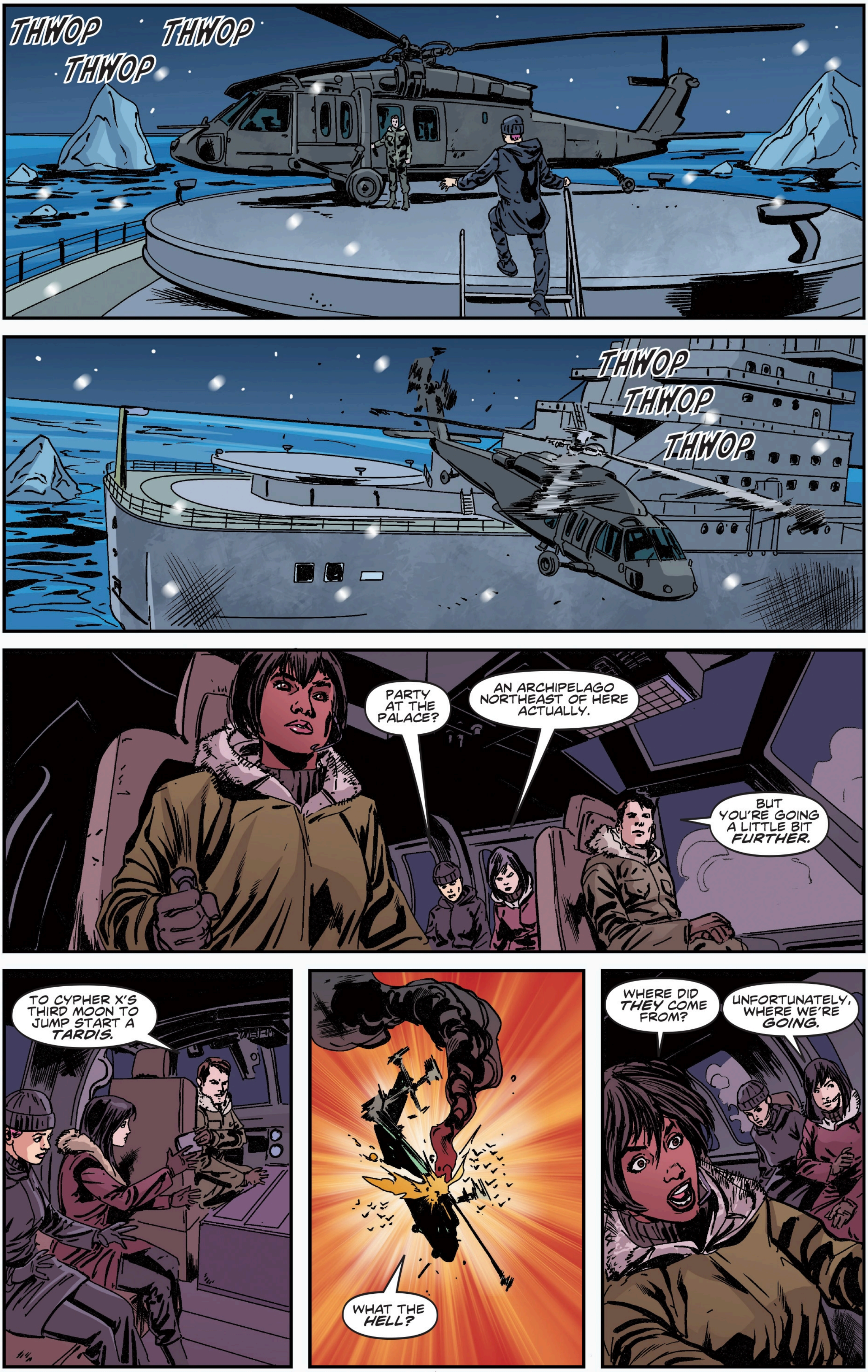
THWOP
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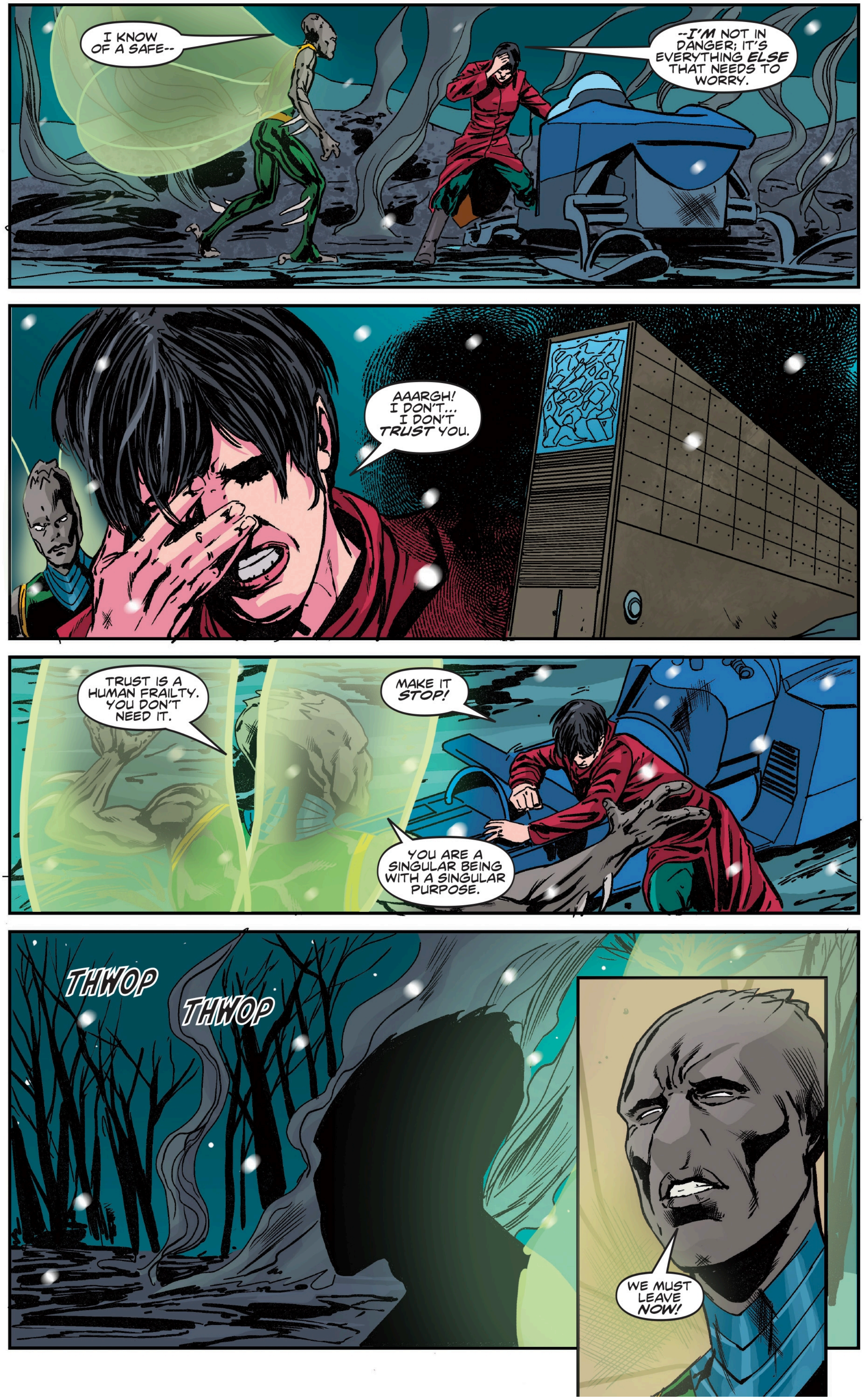
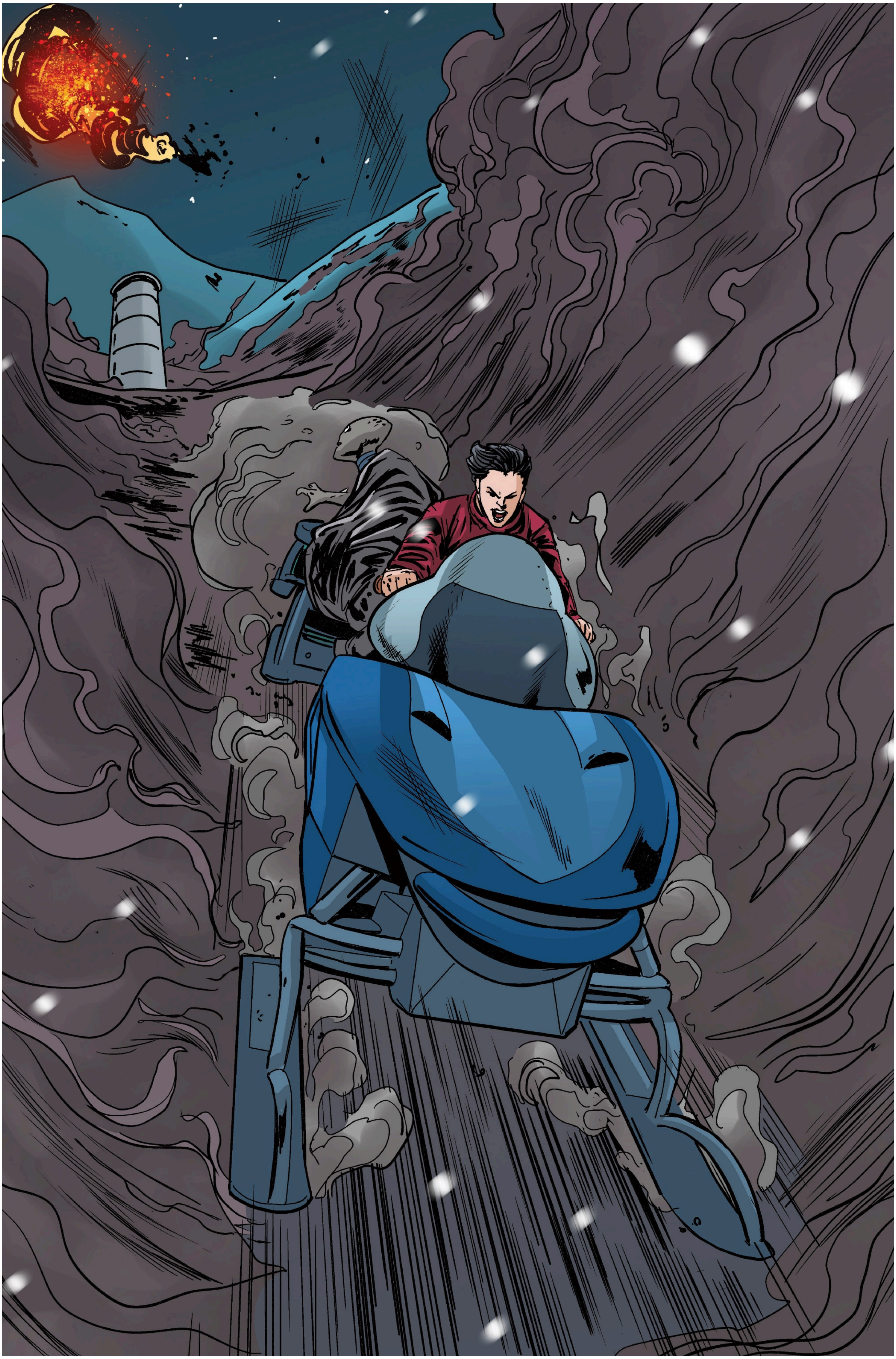
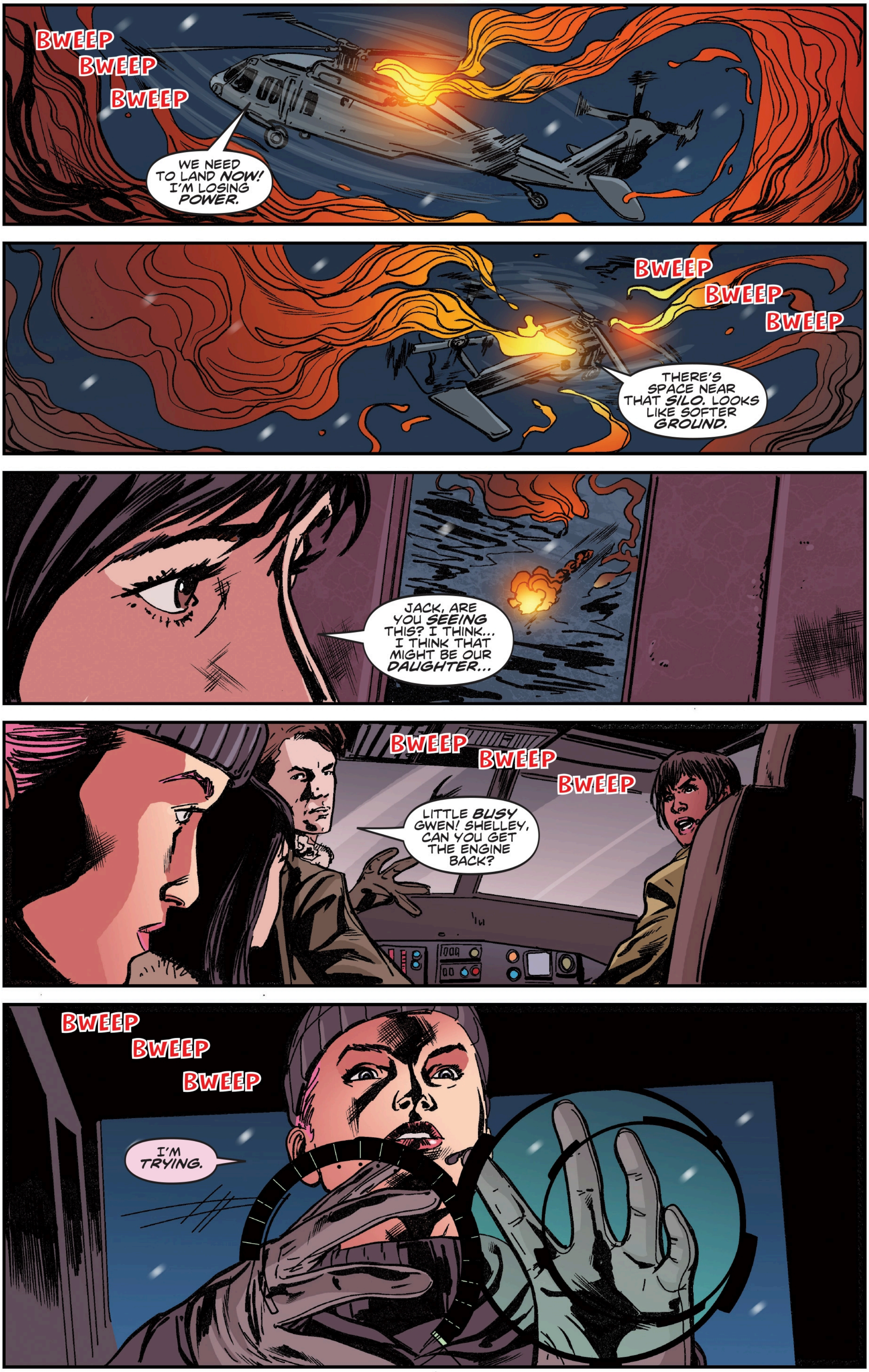
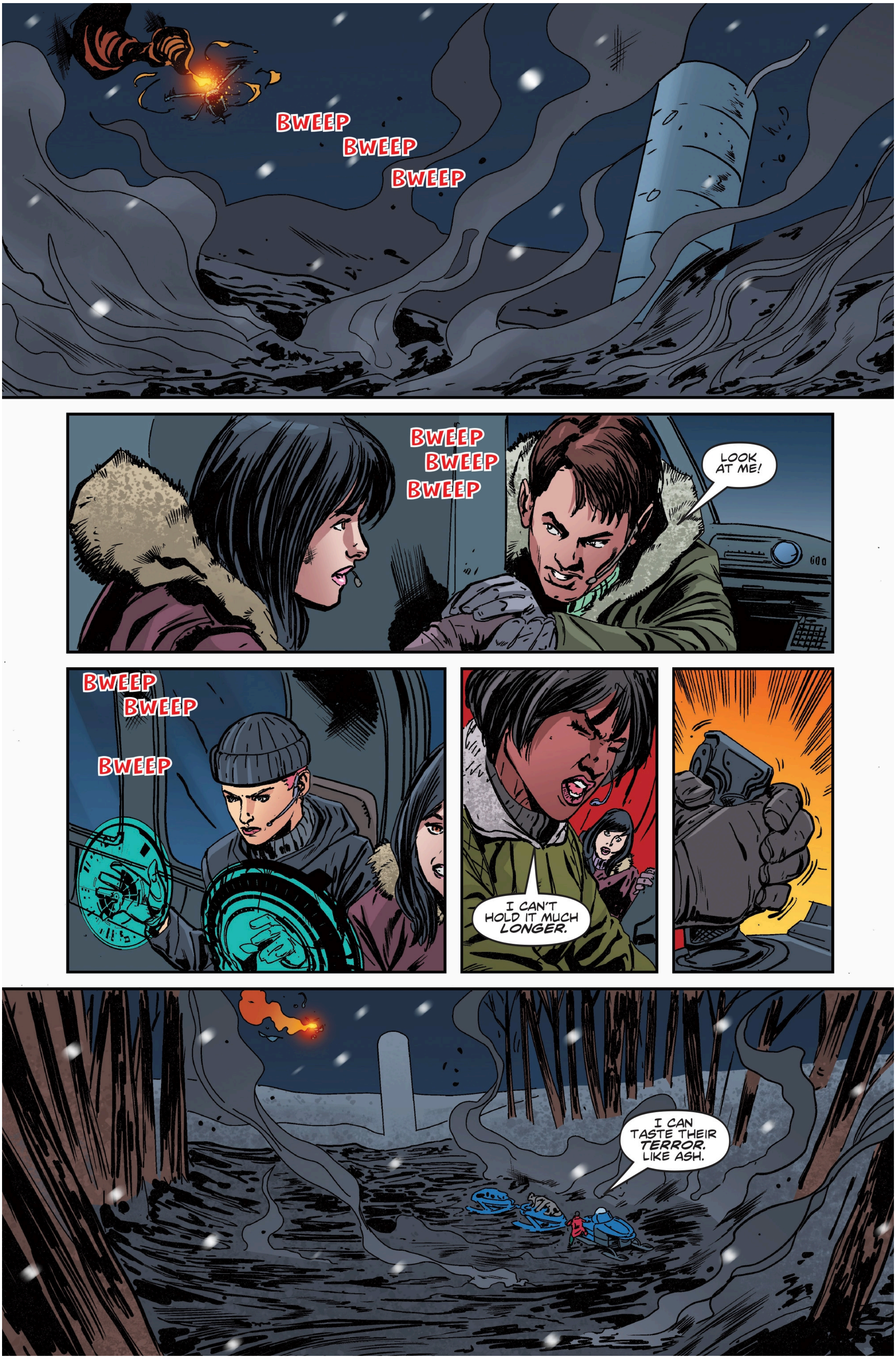
THWOP
PARTY AT THE PALACE?
AN ARCHIPELAGO NORTHEAST OF HERE ACTUALLY.
BUT YOU'RE GOING A LITTLE BIT *FURTHER.*
TO CYPHER X'S THIRD MOON TO JUMP START A *TARDIS.*
WHAT THE *HELL?*
WHERE DID *THEY* COME FROM?
UNFORTUNATELY, WHERE WE'RE *GOING.*


I KNOW OF A SAFE--
--I'M NOT IN DANGER; IT'S EVERYTHING ELSE THAT NEEDS TO WORRY.
AAARGH! I DON'T... I DON'T TRUST YOU.
TRUST IS A HUMAN FRAILTY. YOU DON'T NEED IT.
MAKE IT STOP!
YOU ARE A SINGULAR BEING WITH A SINGULAR PURPOSE.
THWOP
THWOP
WE MUST LEAVE NOW!




BWEEP BWEEP BWEEP
WE NEED TO LAND *NOW!* I'M LOSING *POWER.*
BWEEP BWEEP BWEEP
THERE'S SPACE NEAR THAT *SILO.* LOOKS LIKE SOFTER *GROUND.*
JACK, ARE YOU *SEEING* THIS? I THINK... I THINK THAT MIGHT BE OUR *DAUGHTER...*
BWEEP BWEEP BWEEP
LITTLE *BUSY* GWEN! SHELLEY, CAN YOU GET THE ENGINE BACK?
BWEEP BWEEP BWEEP
I'M *TRYING.*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LOOK AT ME!
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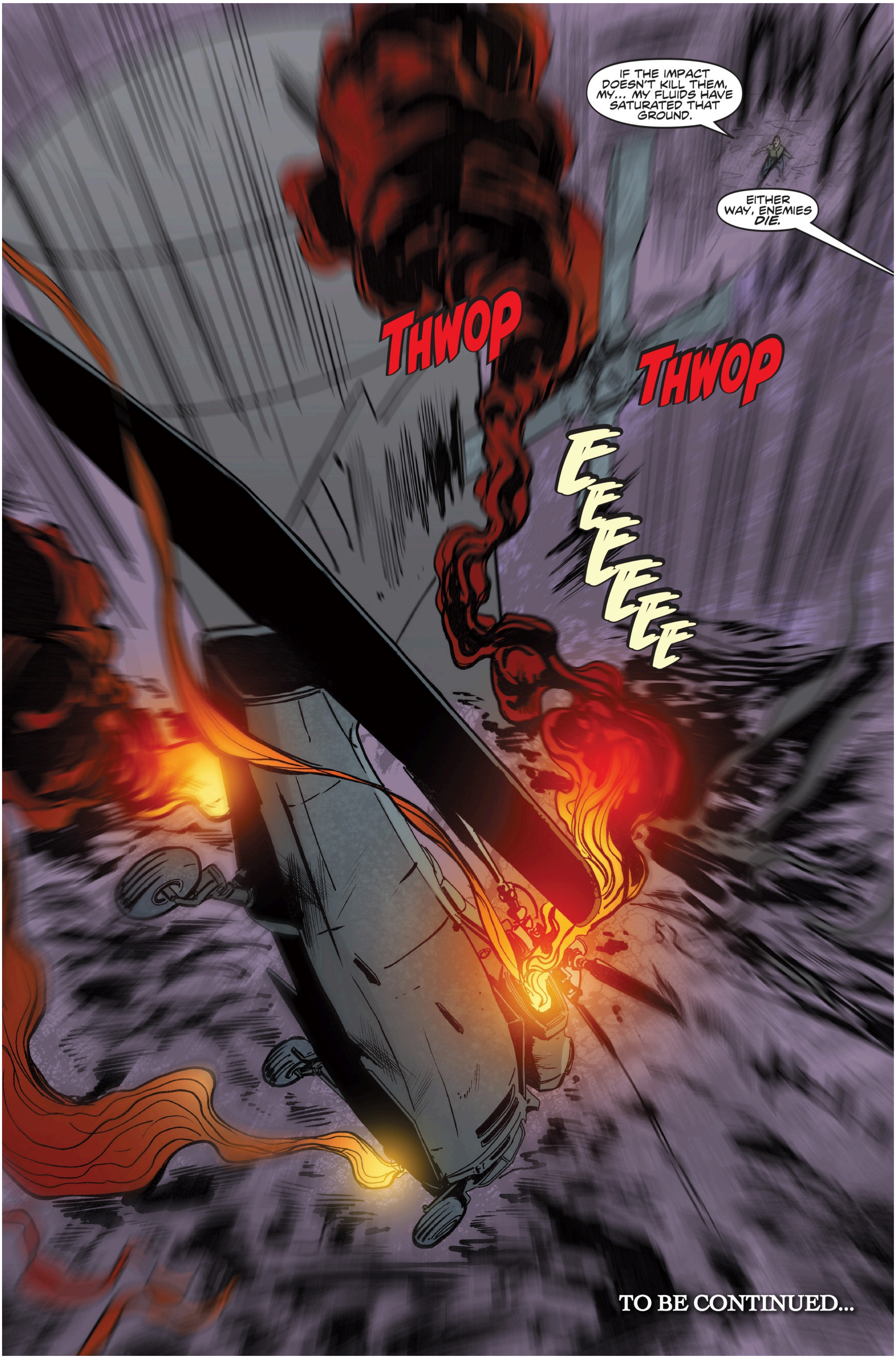
I CAN'T HOLD IT MUCH LONGER.
I CAN TASTE THEIR TERROR. LIKE ASH.


IF THE IMPACT DOESN'T KILL THEM, MY... MY FLUIDS HAVE SATURATED THAT GROUND.
EITHER WAY, ENEMIES *DIE*.
THWOP
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EEEEEEE
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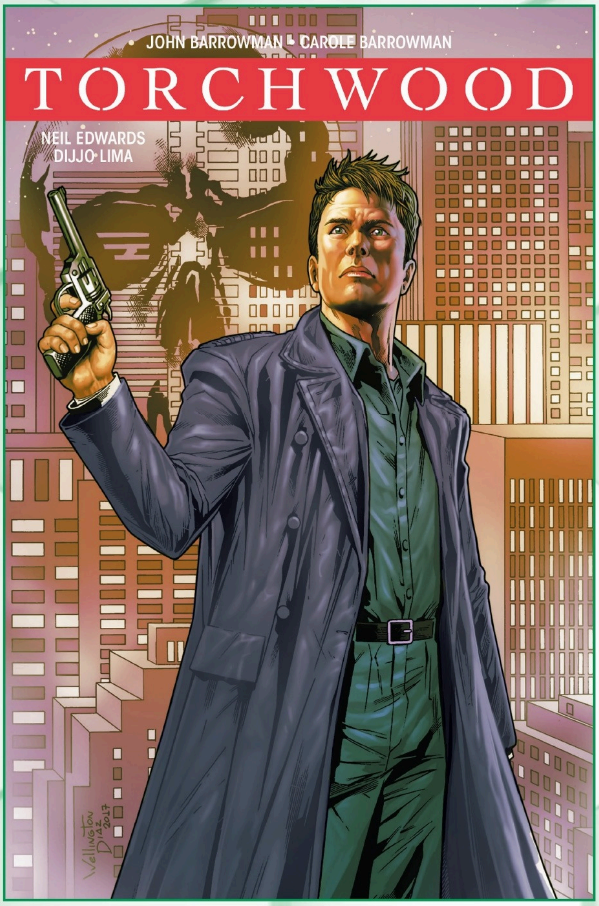
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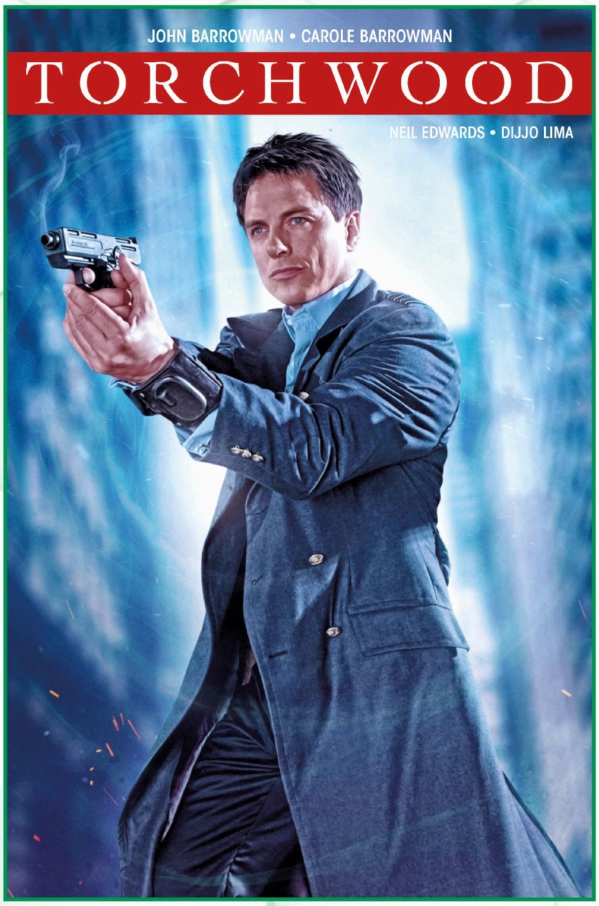
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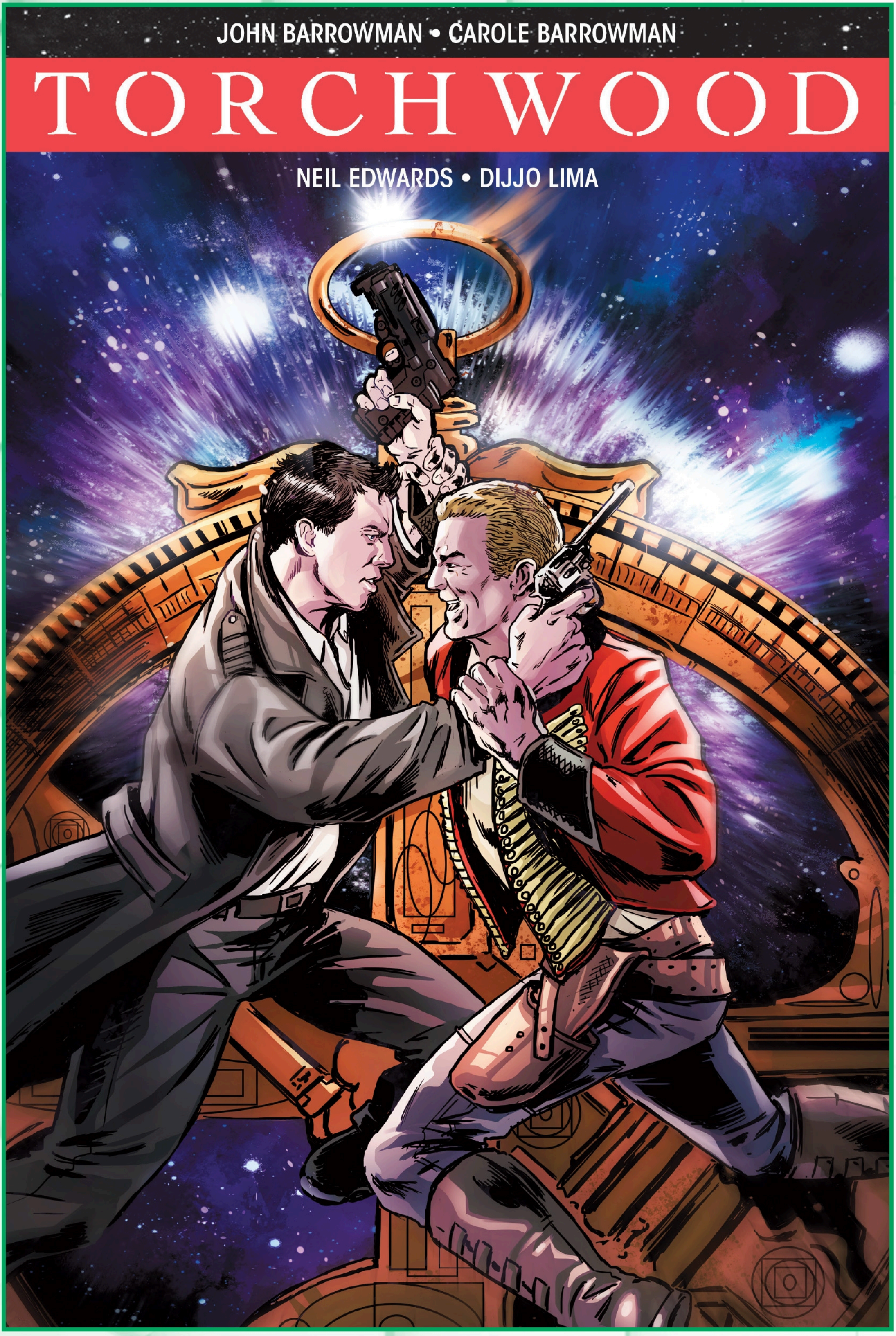
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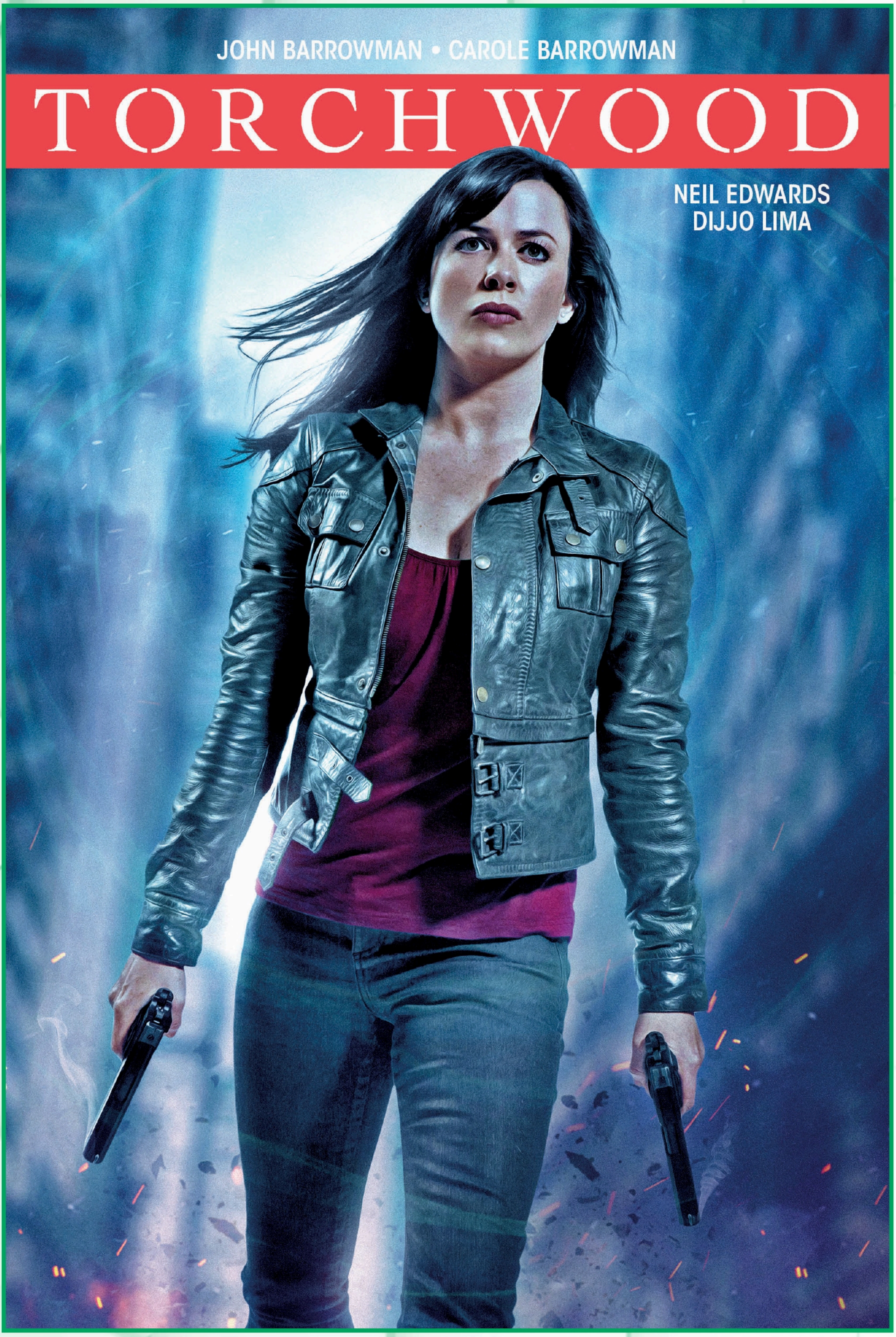
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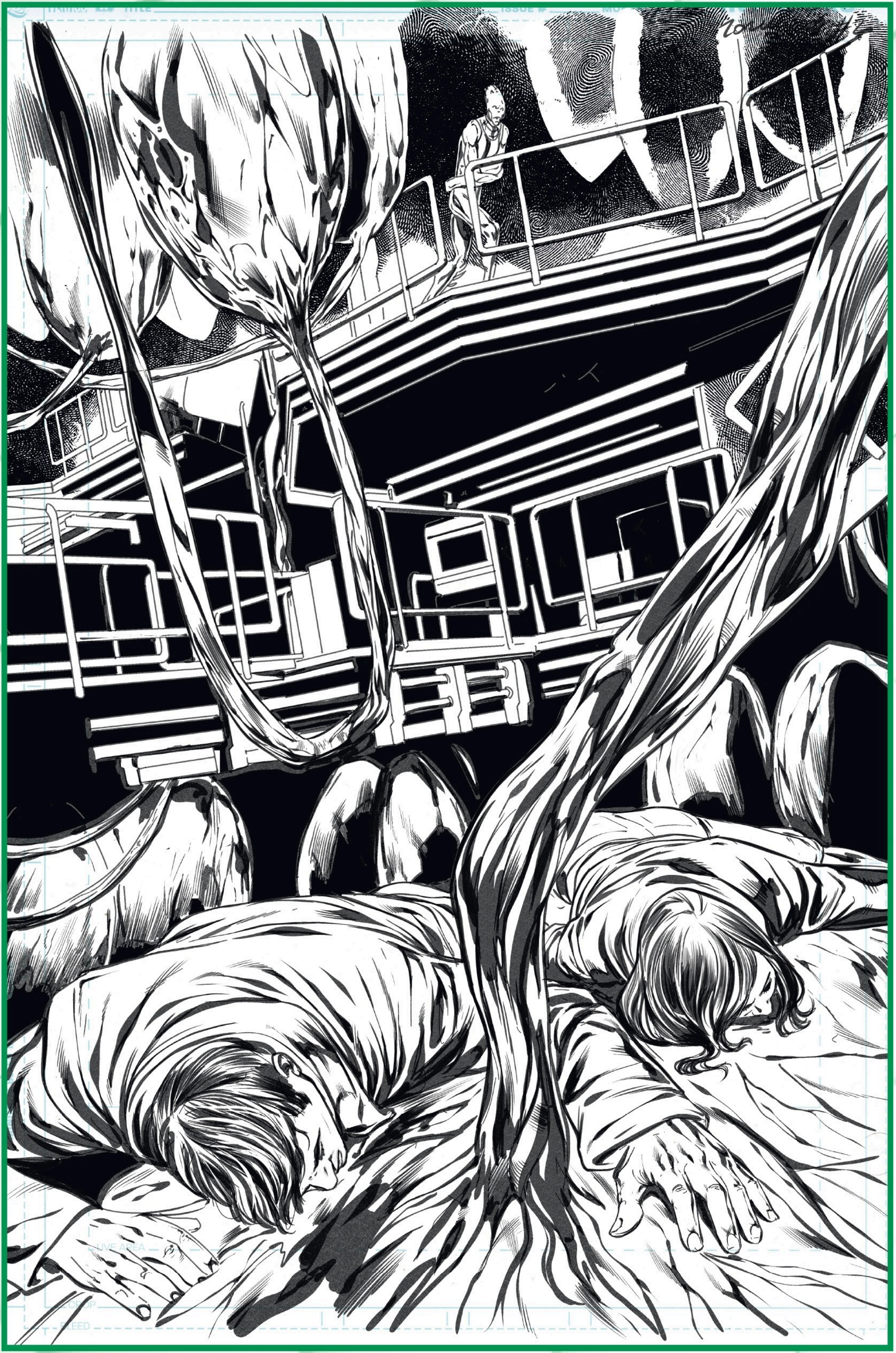

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